

## **COUNTY OF POLK**Public Works Department

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Jolee L. Belzung, P.E. City of Ankeny 220 West First Street Ankeny, IA 50023

Dear Jolee:

As you are aware, as part of the Rock Creek Trunk Sewer project, flow equalization facilities are required to handle additional wastewater flows beyond the capacity of the existing downstream sanitary sewers. As a result of this year's excessive precipitation, WRA has experienced numerous issues caused by excessive wastewater flows. These problems may accelerate the WRA's desire to construct the Saylor Creek Equalization Basin Project. Based on this information, we feel it is appropriate to continue the planning process for the basin including obtaining the property necessary for the equalization basin facility before this property is developed or sold. An exhibit showing the proposed location is attached. In order to determine the size, configuration, and viability of property required for the facility, Polk County intends to complete a property investigation including geotechnical, environmental, and right of way acquisition services. The cost for this initial work is \$29,000. This does not include the cost of the property acquisition. Polk County requests the City of Ankeny participate in a 50/50 cost sharing for this work. We propose this work be added by amendment to our current agreement for the Rock Creek Sewer Project. Please let me know if this is acceptable and we will proceed with the work. Should there be any questions or comments feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Larry L. Land, Director Polk County Public Works

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cc: Mark Land, PE, Snyder & Assoc.

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